

## CLAIMS

1. A seasoning composition, comprising:

(a) 100 parts by weight of potassium chloride;

5 (b) 0.2 to 5 parts by weight of a sugar alcohol;

(c) 1 to 7.5 parts by weight of sodium glutamate (in terms of anhydride);

(d) 1 to 10 parts by weight of sucrose; and

(e) 0.05 to 1 part by weight of an ingredient selected from the group

10 consisting of sodium inosinate, sodium guanylate, and mixtures thereof (in terms of anhydride).

2. The seasoning composition of Claim 1, comprising:

(a) 100 parts by weight of potassium chloride;

(b) 0.3 to 3.5 parts by weight of a sugar alcohol;

15 (c) 2 to 5 parts by weight of sodium glutamate (in terms of anhydride);

(d) 2 to 5 parts by weight of sucrose; and

(e) 0.1 to 0.5 part by weight of an ingredient selected from the group

consisting of sodium inosinate, sodium guanylate, and mixtures thereof (in terms of anhydride).

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3. The seasoning composition of Claim 1, wherein said sugar alcohol is selected from the group consisting of sorbitol, maltitol, palatinitol, mannitol, xylitol, hydrogenated materials derived from partial decomposition product of starch, and mixtures thereof.

4. The seasoning composition of Claim 1, wherein said sodium glutamate is a monohydrate.

5            5. The seasoning composition of Claim 1, wherein said sucrose is selected from the group consisting of granulated sugar, refined sugar, soft sugar (yellow sugar), raw sugar (brown sugar), and mixtures thereof.

10           6. The seasoning composition of Claim 1, wherein said sodium inosinate is a 7.5 hydrate.

7. A method for seasoning food, said method comprising adding to food an effective amount of a seasoning composition, said seasoning composition comprising:

- 15           (a) 100 parts by weight of potassium chloride;
- (b) 0.2 to 5 parts by weight of a sugar alcohol;
- (c) 1 to 7.5 parts by weight of sodium glutamate (in terms of anhydride);
- (d) 1 to 10 parts by weight of sucrose; and
- (e) 0.05 to 1 part by weight of an ingredient selected from the group consisting of sodium inosinate, sodium guanylate, and mixtures thereof (in
- 20           terms of anhydride).

8. The method of Claim 7, wherein said seasoning composition comprises:

- (a) 100 parts by weight of potassium chloride;
- (b) 0.3 to 3.5 parts by weight of a sugar alcohol;

- (c) 2 to 5 parts by weight of sodium glutamate (in terms of anhydride);
- (d) 2 to 5 parts by weight of sucrose; and
- (e) 0.1 to 0.5 part by weight of an ingredient selected from the group  
consisting of sodium inosinate, sodium guanylate, and mixtures thereof (in  
terms of anhydride).

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9. The method of Claim 7, wherein said sugar alcohol is selected from the  
group consisting of sorbitol, maltitol, palatinitol, mannitol, xylitol, hydrogenated  
materials derived from partial decomposition product of starch, and mixtures thereof.

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10. The method of Claim 7, wherein said sodium glutamate is a monohydrate.

11. The method of Claim 7, wherein said sucrose is selected from the group  
consisting of granulated sugar, refined sugar, soft sugar (yellow sugar), raw sugar  
(brown sugar), and mixtures thereof.

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12. The method of Claim 7, wherein said sodium inosinate is a 7.5 hydrate.

13. The method of Claim 7, wherein said food is selected from the group  
consisting of meat, vegetables, fruits, grains, prepared foods, and snack foods.

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14. A seasoned food, comprising a food seasoned with a seasoning  
composition, said seasoning composition comprising:

- (a) 100 parts by weight of potassium chloride;

- (b) 0.2 to 5 parts by weight of a sugar alcohol;
  - (c) 1 to 7.5 parts by weight of sodium glutamate (in terms of anhydride);
  - (d) 1 to 10 parts by weight of sucrose; and
  - (e) 0.05 to 1 part by weight of an ingredient selected from the group
- 5            consisting of sodium inosinate, sodium guanylate, and mixtures thereof (in terms of anhydride).

15. The seasoned food of Claim 14, comprising:

- (a) 100 parts by weight of potassium chloride;
  - (b) 0.3 to 3.5 parts by weight of a sugar alcohol;
  - (c) 2 to 5 parts by weight of sodium glutamate (in terms of anhydride);
  - (d) 2 to 5 parts by weight of sucrose; and
  - (e) 0.1 to 0.5 part by weight of an ingredient selected from the group
- 10            consisting of sodium inosinate, sodium guanylate, and mixtures thereof (in terms of anhydride).
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16. The seasoned food of Claim 14, wherein said sugar alcohol is selected from the group consisting of sorbitol, maltitol, palatinitol, mannitol, xylitol, hydrogenated materials derived from partial decomposition product of starch, and

20    mixtures thereof.

17. The seasoned food of Claim 14, wherein said sodium glutamate is a monohydrate.

18. The seasoned food of Claim 14, wherein said sucrose is selected from the group consisting of granulated sugar, refined sugar, soft sugar (yellow sugar), raw sugar (brown sugar), and mixtures thereof.

5           19. The seasoned food of Claim 14, wherein said sodium inosinate is a 7.5 hydrate.

20. The seasoned food of Claim 14, wherein said food is selected from the group consisting of meat, vegetables, fruits, grains, prepared foods, and snack foods.

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